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HAD A CAT ONCE.
THINK IT WAS NAMED
MISTY OR SHADOW
OR SOMETHING.

ALL I
REMEMBER IS
SHE DIED ON MY SIXTH
BIRTHDAY— RUN OVER
BY THE CATERING
TRUCK.

POPPA TRIED TO
FEED ME SOME LINE
ABOUT "ANIMAL
HEAVEN."

DID IT
MAKE YOU
FEEL ANY
BETTER?



ACTUALLY,
IT MADE ME FEEL
THAT "PEOPLE
HEAVEN" WAS A
RIP-OFF.

WHAT'S THE
POINT OF ETERNAL
LIFE IF YOU CAN'T
SPEND IT WITH YOUR
BEST FRIEND?



WITH ANY LUCK...

OUR PATIENT
WON'T HAVE THE
ANSWER TO THAT
QUESTION ANY
TIME SOON.



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THE TRIAL OF LOCKHEED

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"It'll be no use
their putting their
heads down and
saying, 'Come up
again, dear!'"

"I shall only look
up and say, 'Who
am I then?' Tell
me that first--"

"--and then, if I like
being that person, I'll
come up! If not, I'll
stay down here until
I'm somebody else!"

--ALICE
"ALICE'S ADVENTURES
IN WONDERLAND"

IN THE OBSERVATION BOOTH
ABOVE SURGERY...

...SHADOWCAT...

...NIGHTCRAWLER...

...MEGGAN...

...CAPTAIN
BRITAIN...

... AND PHOENIX HOLD A SILENT
VIGIL FOR THEIR FRIEND AND
FELLOW MEMBER OF EXCALIBUR.

FOUR HOURS LATER,
THE VIGIL HAS GROWN
PROGRESSIVELY
LESS SILENT.

NO ONE'S
BLAMING
YOU FOR
LOCKHEED'S
INJURIES,
KITTY.

EA? DR. EDBERTON--
IS THE OPERATION
OVER?

AFRAID NOT.
WE WERE
HOPING YOU'VE
REMEMBERED
ANYTHING WE
MIGHT FIND
USEFUL.

NEAR AS I CAN
TELL, I'VE JUST
PATCHED HIS
FIFTY LUNG IN
AS MANY
HOURS.

NO ONE BUT ME,
BRIAN! I WAS STUPID
ENOUGH TO FALL FOR
DOCTOR DOOM'S "SAVING
THE WORLD" SHITCK!*

LOCKHEED
WAS WOUNDED
DEFENDING ME!
IF HE... DIES...
I'LL NEVER FOR-
GIVE MYSELF!

* EXCALIBUR
#37-39 -- T.K.

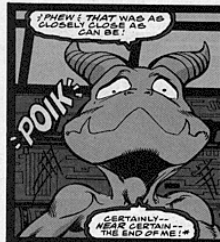
BUT HE'S GOING TO BE
RIGHT? BRIAN
BRADDOCK SAYS YOU'RE
THE BEST SURGEON
IN THE WORLD!

TRUE, BUT
LOCKHEED ISN'T
OF THIS WORLD.

WH-WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING?

I'M SAYING WE'RE DOING
ALL THAT IS HUMANLY
POSSIBLE.

THE REST IS UP
TO LOCKHEED.



POIK!

POIK!

* ALL DRAGON DIALOGUE LOOSELY TRANSLATED FROM DRAGONPRAK -- TRANSLINGUAL TERRY



YET AFORE I REJOICE, RE: A SECOND CHANCE ON LIFE...

PERCHANCE I SHOULDST ASK "WHO'S THAT UNDER THE KNIFE?"



I DO NOT LIKE THIS! NO, NOT A BIT NOR A WIT!

(IF I THOUGHT IT WOULDST HELP, I WOULDST THROW SUCH A FIT!)



HEY, KITTY! HEY, KURT! HEY, BRIAN, MEGGAN, AND RACHEL!

WHY CAN'TST THEY HEAR ME-- NO MATTER HOW LOUDST I YELL?



COULDST IT BE TRUE-- I GOSPEL HAVE I EXPIRED?

BUT THIS ISN'T "DEATH"! HOLD ONE SIXTY SECOND! MINUTE!

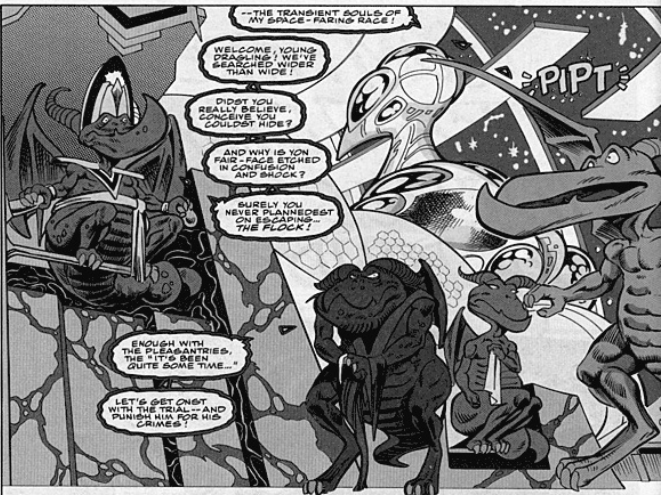
FROM THIS WOUNDED MORTAL COIL, HAST MY SOUL NOW RETIRED?



I AMST BEING YANKED INTO YON SHIP HOVERING IN ASTRAL SPACE!

E'EN I KNOW AN ASTRAL TRACTOR-BEAM WHEN I'M IN IT!

THE SAME SHIP WHICH TRANSPORTST--



--THE TRANSIENT SOULS OF
MY SPACE-FARING RACE!

WELCOME, YOUNG
DRAGLING! WE'VE
SEARCHED WIDER
THAN WIDE!

DIDST YOU
REALLY BELIEVE,
CONCEIVE YOU
COULDEST HIDE?

AND WHY IS YON
FAIR-FACE ETCHED
IN CONFUSION
AND SHOCK?

SURELY YOU
NEVER PLANNEDST
ON ESCAPING...
THE FLOCK!

ENOUGH WITH
THE PLEASANTRIES,
THE "IT'S BEEN
QUITE SOME TIME..."

LET'S GET ONST
WITH THE TRIAL--AND
PUNISH HIM FOR HIS
CRIMES!



HEAREST YE! HEAREST YE!
THE COURT IS IN SESSION!

PLEASE PLACE
THE OFFENDANT
IN THE ASSTAL
LEG IRON! #

I DID SAY A LOOSE TRANSLATION! --T.K.



SILENCE! DON'T PRATTLE!
WE ALL KNOW WHYEST
WE'RE HERE!

'TIS TO PASS SENTENCE
ON THE ONE WE HELD
MOST DEAR!

HOW DO
YOU PLEAD?
HOW PLEADEST
YOU, TRAITOR?

I BEG TELL
ME THE CHARGES
OH SACRED
ARBITRATOR?



UH, ER-- HEH, HEH,
HEY, GUYS! IT HAST
BEEN A WHILE!

DON'T I
GET A "HOW
DO YOU DO?"

A PAWSHAKE?

A SMILE?



DO NOT PLAYST
STUPID! DO NOT
THROW UP YOUR
PAWS!

YOU KNOW
YOU'VE
BROKENST
OUR SACREDEST
OF LAWS!

OUR AGE-
OLD RAGE
WAS FOUNDED
ON COMMUN-
ITY.

THE PENANCE FOR ABANDONMENT
HAST E'ER BEEN WELL KNOWN.

IF YOU CAN'TST LIVE WITH
US-- YOU CAN'TST LIVE
ON YOUR OWN!

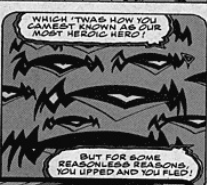
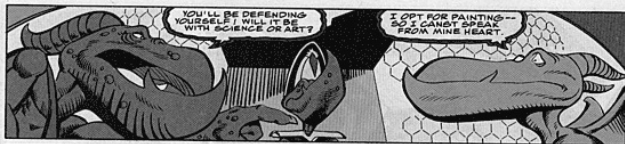
ALLOW ME TO
PARAPHRASE, YOUR
HONOR, IN A SINGLE
BREATH.

IF YOU'RE
FOUND GUILTY--

--AND YOU
WILLST BE--

--YOU'LL
BE SENTENCED--
TO DEATH!

BUT YOU
BOUGHTST
TO SCORN US WITH
IMPUNITY!







SMARTLY SMART,
BRAVELY BRAVE, AND
PRETTILY PRETTY...

...SHE'S
KATHERINE PRYDE/
SHADOWCAT, OR
JUST PLAIN
KITTY.

UPON TURNING THIRTEEN,
SHE DISCOVERED THE
POWER...

TO PHASE-
THROUGH ALL
OBSTACLES, SHE
SOON MET
XAVIER.

WHILE
MOST TEENS
HAVE DATES
(A MOVIE, A
DANCE...)

AS AN X-MAN,
SHE DEFENDED BOTH
HU-MANS AND
MU-TANTS.

IN DEEP
SPACE, WE MET.
IN THAT MOMENT,
I KNEW...

...I'D MET A
KINDRED SPIRIT;
A LOVE TRULY
TRUE.

TOGETHER
WE FOUGHT, WE
LAUGHED, WE
CRIED...

...ON THE DAY
WE BELIEVED
THE X-MEN HAD
DIED.

BUT RATHER
THAN SET WALLOW
IN DESTRUCTIVE
DESPAIR...

...SHE TRAVELED
TO ENGLAND AND
FOUNDED EXCALIBUR
THERE!



NEXTLY IS KURT WAGNER, ONCE A STAR CIRCUS PERFORMER.

HE RETIRED FROM THE BIG TOP TO BECOME NIGHTCRAWLER.

WITH HIS POWER TO TELEPORT-- AGILE AND LEAN--

--HE FOUGHT BESIDE CYCLOPS, STORM AND WOLVERINE.

AFTER THE "DEATH" OF HIS ORIGINAL TEAM...

...KURT, ALONG WITH KITTY, CLUNG TO XAVIER'S DREAM.

THOUGH NOT LIKELY HE'D ADMIT IT, HE'S EXCALIBUR'S BACKBONE.

HIS HEART BELONGS TO ONE HE CAN NEVER CALL HIS OWN.

FROM THE VERY DAY HE STEPPED ONTO THE SHORES OF ENGLAND...

...HE'S HAD HIS EYES AND HIS HEART ON ANOTHER'S GIRL--MEGGAN.

ONCE AGAIN I AMST COMPELLED TO OBJECT!

THESE ORIGINS YOU RELATE, CAN'TOT BE CORRECT.

YOU'RE TELLING US DETAILS OF THEIR LIVES AFORE YOU'D MET!

YOU MUST BE MAKING THIS UP, I'LL WAGER! I'LL BET!

THEIR HEARTS, NEEDS, AND WANTS HOLDST NO MYSTIQUE.

AND EVERYONE KNOWS HU-MANS DON'T SPEAK OUR TONGUE!

'TWOULD SEEM YOUR TALE'S SUSPECT AFORE IT'S BEGUN.

SECOND POINT FIRST, TRUE, I DON'T SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE.

FIRST POINT SECOND! TRUE, I WASN'TOT ALWAYS AROUND.

BUT IN HU-MAN'S HU-MANITY THE ANSWERS ARE FOUND.

BUT SINCE ALL DRAGONS ARE EMPATHIC, THIS PROVES NOT A WEDGE--

--BETWEEN MYSELF ANDST MINE TEAMMATES, THERE'S NO NEED TO SPEAK.

ALL OUR LIVES, WE ARE RAISED TO SERVICE THE FLOCK.

ON EARTH, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT, PREPARE FOR A SHOCK.

WHILEST I KNOW THIS SOUNDS LIKE BLASPHEMY...

--HU-MANS REVERE INDIVIDUALITY!

OBJECTION WITHDRAWN.

THE OFFENDENT MAY PROCEED.

IT'S SOME-THING CALLED "FRIENDSHIP," AND FOR IT TO LAST--

--YOU CELEBRATE A FRIEND'S PRESENT AND PAST.

I OBJE--

CASEMAKER? A WORD WITH I?

HE SPEAKS WITH SUCH PASSION AND OBVIOUS PRIDE.

FATHER, PLEASE, LET THIS OBJECTION RIDE.

DO YOU BELIEVE HIM, CO-PILOT?

WHY WOULDST HE LIE?

FOR YOU, LOVE-LIFE, THIS ONCE I'LL CONCEDE.

YOU WOULDST THINK SHE WOULDST HATE ME HAVING SUFFERED MY REJECTION.

YET THE LOOK IN HER EYES IS ONE OF UNDYING AFFECTION.

MY NEXT TEAM-
MATE'S HISTORY
IS BLURRY.

WHEN FIRST SHE
APPEARED, SHE WAS
FANG-TOOTHED AND
FURRY.

BECAUSE HER FUTURE
LOVE, BRIAN, DARED
VENTURE NEAR HER...

...SHE SOON
LEARNED HER BODY
ACTED Akin TO A
MIRROR.

OFT-TIMES
IT CHANGES IN
SHAPE AND
SIZE --

--INTO THE
RIGHT MOST
PLEASING TO
ANOTHER'S
EYES.

HER NAME IS
MEGGAN, BUT IS IT
HER FIRST OR HER
LAST?

E'EN SHE
DOESN'TST KNOW.
SHE HAST NOT A CLUE
TO HER PAST.

BRIAN BRADDOCK
WAS ONCE A
STUDIOUS GENT.

WHILEST FLEEING
SOME FOES HE HADST
AN ACCIDENT.

GIVEN A CHOICE BY THE
ENTITY "MERLIN"...

...HE RETURNEST TO
LIFE AS THIS EARTH'S
CAPTAIN BRITAIN.

EVER SINCE,
HE'S PONDERED:
"TWAS THIS
BLESSING OR
CURSE?"

FOR THERE
ARE MANY SUCH
CAPTAINS
THROUGHOUT THE
MULTIVERSE!

UNLIKE THE
OTHERS WHO
JUMP WHENEVER
ROMA SNEEZES--

--OUR
CAPTAIN HAS
ALWAYS DONE
JUST AS HE
PLEASES!



HERE'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE.

AH, CAPTAIN BRITAIN-- THERE YOU ARE! AS THE HOSPITAL'S SHIPBOARD ADMINISTRATOR, I JUST WANTED TO ASSURE

YES, YES, VERY GOOD. MUCH APPRECIATED. CARRY ON.

YOU LOOKING FOR THE LEATHER-CLAD REDHEAD WITH THE LEGG?

YOU'VE SEEN HER?

HAVE I EVER! YOU MIGHT ASK HER TO DRESS MORE APPROPRIATELY-- SOME OF US ARE HEART PATIENTS!

YOUR FRIEND ON THE ROOF, SIR.

THANK YOU, NURSE.

IF HE'S A 'CAPTAIN', WHERE DO I ENLIST?!

RACHEL-- A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?

JUST THINKING ABOUT THE TIME I TRIED TO KILL SELENE.

HOW WOLVERINE REQUESTED I BACK OFF.

UNCANNY X-MEN # 207 T.K.



I HOPE YOU'VE NO INTENTION OF--

EXACTING VENGEANCE FROM DOOM? LOVE TO.

THE OLD ME WOULD HAVE IGNORED HIS 'DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.'

IN THE FUTURE WHERE I WAS BORN, THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO PUT THEMSELVES ABOVE THE LAW.

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE LAWS.

SOMETIMES TO PROTECT US FROM EACH OTHER AND SOMETIMES FROM OURSELVES.

ONCE THAT STARTED, THE NEXT STEP WAS TO REWRITE THOSE LAWS.

BEFORE ANYONE KNEW IT, KILLING MUTANTS BECAME LEGAL.

PHOENIX OR NOT, I DON'T EVER WANT TO CROSS THE LINE THAT SEPARATES ME FROM THEM.

FWASHOOM

OF COURSE, IF DOOM EVER ATTACKS ME AGAIN...?



DIDN'T TST
YOU KNOW, OR
DIDN'T TST YOU
CARE?

INDEED I WOULDST AND WOULDST AGAIN, FOR SHE IS AN "UNTO DEATH!" FRIEND.

FROM AFAR
WE'VE STUDIED
HER AND
KNOW OF HER
ABUSES.

THIS
OTHERWISE
INSIGNIFICANT
HU-MAN
POSSESSES
COSMIC
POWER...

...TO DESTROY
AN ENTIRE
GALAXY IN
ONE-SIXTIETH
OF AN HOUR!

THROUGHOUT ALL
THE MULTIVERSE,
RACHEL SUMMERS
IS FEARED AS
PHOENIX.

HER TELEKINETIC
PROWESS IS A
BOTTOMLESS BAG
OF TRICKS.

HER "MOM"--JEAN GREY--
AS BEST WE KNOW, WAS
NOT THERE TO NURTURE--

--THE YOUNG
DAUGHTER, NO
YET BORN, IN A
ALTERNATE
FUTURE...

... WHEREST SHE
LIVED AS A SLAVE,
A "HELL HOUND"
AND A TRACKER.

AND IF E'ER SHE
ATTEMPTED TO REBEL,
HER MASTER AHAB
WOULDS'T SMACK HER.

ALLOW ME TO CONTINUE:
SHE ESCAPED FROMST THERE--

--TO TRAVEL BACKKY BACK IN TIME
AND JOIN THE X-MEN HERE.

SHE SOON
ANGERED
WOLVERINE,
WHO FELT
THE NEED
TO GLASH
HER..

ROMA SOUGHT
TO TRACK HER
DOWN WITH
TECHNET AND
GATECRASHER

INBETWIXT
SHE BOARDED
DOWN WITH
MOJO AND THE
SIXPACK--

--OF SKIN-SHEERING
WARWOLVES WHO CAME
TO EARTH TO BRINGST
HER BACK.

"WERE THESE
SELFSAME FOGS,
THE FIRST IN AN
ENDLESS
STREAM ...

--WHICH PROMPTED
THE FORMATION OF
EXCALIBUR-- OUR
TEAM!

THE MYSTERY
MEMBER OF OUR
GROUP IS THE
PUZZLELY PUZZLE,
WIDGET.

ON THE DAY
HE WAS CREATED,
HE "SWALLOWED"
A CHILD, NOT A
MIDGET.

"COLIN" WAS
THE CHILD'S NAME,
THE WHOLE
ORDEAL WAS
UNINTENTIONAL--

--FOR WIDGET
HAS BUT SLIGHT
CONTROL OF POWERS
PAN-DIMENSIONAL.







HE WHO IS ON TRIAL--
WHEREST ART THOU
GOING?

'TIS BEEN YEARLY
YEARS E'ER SINCE
I'VE BEEN AT THIS
SHIP & CONTROLS

IF SUCCESSFUL
I'LL RETURN FOR
GORE. I TOLD
YOU SO--ING!

BUT I'M THEIR
ONLY SOLELY CHANGE,
OF SAVING ALL THEIR
SOULS!

LET'S
COMPENSATE FOR
ASTRAL &-FORCE,
AND RESET
STELLARTUDE.

WAAA?

WAST I
ASLEEP ON
DUTY?
HOW LIFE-
THREATENINGLY
RUPE.



WHAT IS
THIS?
YOU ARE
RETURN-
ING!

WHAT
DIDST YOU
EXPECT
FROM ME?

INSTEAD
OF HE WHO
WAS SEN-
TENCED--

-- YOU COULDEST
HAVE BEEN HE WHO
ESCAPED FREE!



IT'S THE
POINTLY POINT
I'VE TRIED
TO MAKE
FROM THE
BEGINNING
RIGHT
ALONG.

HE WHO
THIS AND
HE WHO
THAT--
CAN'T TEST
YOU SEE
YOU HAVE
IT
WRONG?

I'M THE ME
I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN, FROM
THE MOMENT
OF MY
BIRTH!

BUT I'M
MUCHLY MORE
THAN HE WHO
NOW... I'M
LOOKHEED OF
EARTH!



I COULDEST
NOT LIVE
WITHOUT MY
FRIENDS. SO
EXPECT NO
REPENTANCE.

IF MY
CRIME WAS
FINDING
HAPPINESS,
YOU MIGHT
AS WELL PASS
MY DEATH
SENTENCE.





CHUPPA
CHUPPA
CHUPPA

SORRY
TO LEARN
ABOUT THE
DRAGON,
KID.

WE CAME
AS SOON AS WE
HEARD.

NEXT ISSUE: THE TITLE SAYS IT ALL!
"AT LAST-- THE REUNION!"
(GORT OF!)

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Dear *Sword Stokes*,

First of all, I would like to assure you that there are more female readers than you think. But... let's face it. Yours is a mostly male production and we girls are a bit shy (and a little scared) to admit we read, and participate or create, comic art. I have studied comic/graphic art (although I prefer Japanese animation) and appreciate the hard work that goes into a monthly title.

I would like to thank you for bringing back Rachel Summers. Since her introduction in the X-MEN, she has been my favorite. Every male seem to be hung up on Kitty. Why? They are missing a very beautiful and loving individual.

Another thank you for replacing Mr. Claremont. (Sorry, Chris.) All that cross-time adventuring was quite confusing.

Keep up the good work!

Krystal Williams

(Address withheld upon request)

You must be right, Krystal. We have three letters from our female readers right here on this very page!

Dear *Sword Stokes*,

When my friend Noel told me that Alan Davis was coming back to EXCALIBUR with issue #41, I threw my hands into the air and shouted "Yes!" Sure, all the people in Mr. Deleone's Biology class now think I've gone off my rocker, but I've been smiling ever since that morning. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I wish I didn't have to wait four whole months.

Where can I write to Alan Davis and/or Paul Neary?

Julia Ebner

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Some good news and some bad, Julia. First, the good: Yes, Alan Davis is returning to these pages. Now, the bad: You'll have to wait one more month. It'll be issue #42 before you and the many other readers who wrote to us will finally get your fondest wish granted. Hang in there!

Dear *Sword Stokes*,

Once again, Mighty Marvel has me hooked on yet another part of the Marvel Universe! (Or should I say multiverse?) The main reason I picked up EXCALIBUR #36 was because SPECTACULAR SPIDEY #173 mentioned that the Outlaws would be in EXCALIBUR #36. I bought it, read it thoroughly, and enjoyed every panel of it. Well, I guess that I'll have to buy back issues and issues to come of EXCALIBUR, but as long as they're as well-drawn, well-written and humorous as

#36, it will be worth every penny.

Until the multiverse collapses, Make Mine Marvel!

Scott Watson

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That's what we like to hear, Scott! Welcome aboard!

Dear *Sword Stokes*,

This is the first time I have written to an American Marvel publication, but the standards of EXCALIBUR are just so high that I had to. I have been a big fan of the comic for a few years now and I think that Chris Claremont has outdone himself with keeping EXCALIBUR on a very high level.

Marvel UK is not producing very many super hero titles these days. Did you know that EXCALIBUR is just about the only Marvel USA comic available in local newspapers over here? It's more widely available than any other American comic. And it's a huge success.

Well, that's enough from me, except to say a small mention to Damian Lee, who is EXCALIBUR's second biggest British fan. Could you please print my full address for anyone who wants a British Marvelite pen pal? A promised reply to everyone who writes.

Until Marvel UK puts up it's grades a bit, make mine born in the U.S.A.

Andrew Steel

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Always a treat to hear from our British fans, Andrew! Thanks for the interesting info on EXCALIBUR!

Dear *Sword Stokes*,

I must say that EXCALIBUR has easily become my favorite book to read. Why, you ask? I suppose I should say "Because," but I won't. It's probably because Nightcrawler and Phoenix have for some time been my favorite characters. But that doesn't make a good book, now does it? (Actually, it does, but...) In general the stories have been exceptional, and the art just keeps getting better.

By the way, have you ever thought of doing an un-colored issue? No? Well then, think about it! Why not? It doesn't have to be black and white, just have the pencils printed. Well, you've got to admit it would be interesting.

Anyway, I just read #35 and guess what — I loved it! Surprise! It's so hard to believe that you're already up to issue #35. I still seem to think of this as a new title, probably because the plots are always so different from each other that I just seem to absorb them as separate entities.

I also liked #32-34, and am

assuming that we will at some time revisit our ever-lovely school to delve into why Kitty's powers were canceled while on campus.

Harry Slomovits

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Uncolored, Harry? We just don't think most fans would enjoy it — but it is an interesting suggestion!

Dear *Sword Stokes*,

EXCALIBUR #35 was really good. I must really thank you for this flash-back on Rachel/Phoenix's "future past." Because of limited money, time, and resources, it's been hard to get a hold of any information on Rachel's history.

Are there going to be any developments with Kitty and the Soul Sword?

Thanks for doing such a great job with my favorite mutant book.

Dale Yaddow

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Are you psychic, Dale? How could you know that not only were we doing more about Rachel, we were also doing the recently wrapped-up Kitty/Soul Sword story? Creepy.

Anyway, hope you enjoyed them!

Dear Marvel,

I have just returned to EXCALIBUR after almost two years of absence and boy am I pleased! Issue #36 was great! It had wonderful guest stars, great art, and some nice light humor. I would like to ask you to keep the humor light — I much prefer it.

That conversation between Kitty and Prowler was almost enough to make me laugh out loud. It was great to see that Kitty hadn't lost any of her smarts during my long absence. I hope to see her spotlighting in the future since she is my favorite Marvel mutant ever! I'd also like to see Kitty get the guy once instead of Rachel. Any guy would be lucky to get someone like Kitty!

The Outlaws were a good start for guest stars. As a second choice, I suggest Avengers West Coast. And maybe an appearance by Doctor Doom to really give 'em a light.

What does Widget do besides eating anything and creating inter-dimensional doorways?

Scott Pasch

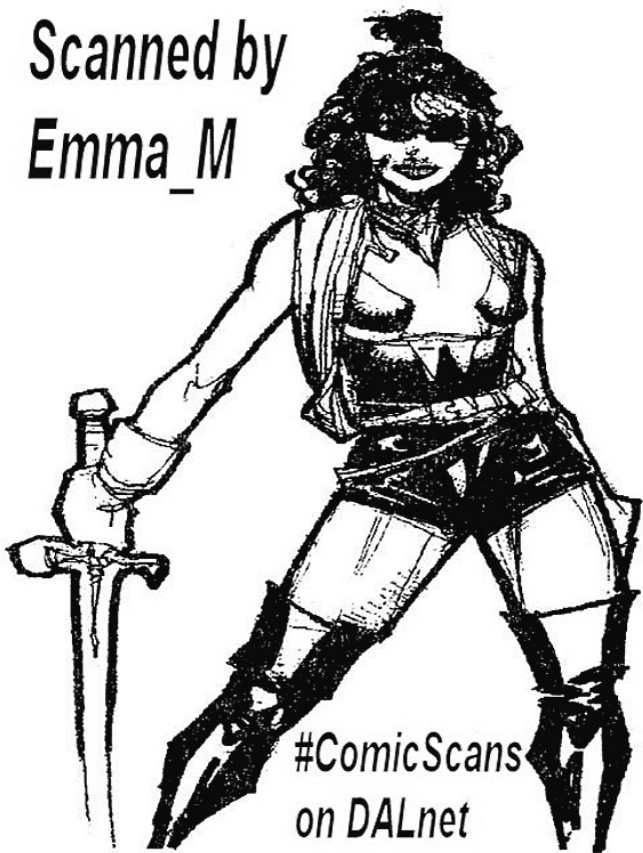
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Not another psychic letter-writer! Welcome back, Scott! You got almost everything you asked for!

Widget is about to become a very interesting little purple guy. Keep reading!

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